

# SUCCESS STORY

## Providing Assistance to Host Families



Photo: CHF International

**USAID – along with partners like CHF – is working to assist displaced Haitians and host families with much-needed household items and livelihoods support.**



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**CHF Community Mobilizers visit vulnerable households to provide assistance based on the needs of both hosts and those displaced by the earthquake.**

### Supporting Families in a Difficult Time

The January 12 earthquake in Haiti left over one million people homeless and destitute. In the aftermath, hundreds of thousands migrated from the affected areas in search of a place to stay, while many ended up living with extended family members in other parts of the country.

USAID provided support to families hosting those affected by the earthquake. Through this targeted assistance, USAID is working to ensure that host families do not become more economically vulnerable when helping family members and friends start over in a new city with dignity and hope.

### Safety Nets for Households

Through our partner CHF International, USAID provides support for host families who have taken displaced earthquake victims into their homes and communities. CHF's USAID-funded program in Cap-Haïtien and the neighboring towns of Limbé and Limonade has assisted 550 vulnerable households – or approximately 2,500 primary beneficiaries and 2,500 secondary beneficiaries.

Host assistance is tailored to the needs of each participating family, allowing households to set their own priorities. Based on their needs families can choose from assistance with household supplies, school fees, school supplies, work tools, or small business grants.

*To feed over 20 people is not a small affair. To live, we ate what we could find. We weren't eating very well, but we shared everything we could find... [Through this program] we've been able to get food supplies which have been an enormous help. I chose two food item vouchers, three small business grant vouchers and one school fee voucher for my son.*

- Adeline Colin (participant)

Throughout Haiti, USAID is supporting initiatives like the host family assistance program to protect the well-being and livelihoods of earthquake-affected Haitians. USAID programs are helping households in Port-au-Prince and beyond to recover and build back better for a more prosperous and secure future.